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Amendments to the Specification:

Please cancel the existing abstract and insert a new abstract as follows:

Physical samples are characterized to determine the content of the samples. A physical sample, or pair of physical samples, and the sample(s) are processed to generate a multidimensional response, calculating the 1-dimensional responses of the components, to provide an indication of the content of the sample or samples. The multidimensional response may be measured by fluorescence or nuclear magnetic resonance.